

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

- 5 1. A gaming device comprising:
 a cabinet;
 at least one display device mounted to the cabinet;
 a plurality of reels forming a set of reels, said set of reels
displayed by the display device;
10 a plurality of symbols on said reels;
 a plurality of different winning combinations of the symbols;
 a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels; and
 a processor operable with the display device to:
 (a) separately and simultaneously display a plurality of reel
15 displays of the set of reels, wherein each of said reel displays includes
 a different one of said paylines;
 (b) activate the reels to generate a plurality of symbols, and after
 the reels are activated, display the same plurality of said symbols
 generated on the set of reels on each of the reel displays,
20 (c) display the combination of symbols occurring on each of the
 paylines on the reel displays, and
 (d) provide an award to a player based on each winning
 combination of symbols occurring on said paylines.
- 25 2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award includes the
 sum of all of the awards associated with the winning combination of
 symbols occurring on the paylines.

3. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a second display device mounted to the cabinet, wherein one of the reel displays is displayed by said display device and said other said reel displays are displayed by said second display device.

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4. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a second display device mounted to the cabinet, wherein a plurality of the reel displays are displayed by said display device and said other said reel displays are displayed by said second display device.

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5. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

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6. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a bonus award provided to the player when a designated number of winning combinations of the symbols occur on the paylines.

20 7. The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the designated number of winning combinations is pre-determined by the processor.

8. The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the designated number of winning combinations is randomly determined by the processor.

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9. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a bonus award provided to the player when winning combinations of the symbols occur on a designated percentage of the paylines.

30 10. The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the designated percentage is pre-determined by the processor.

11. The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the designated percentage is randomly determined by the processor.

12. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a selector controlled by the processor, said selector adapted to enable the player to select at least one of the reel displays.

5 13. The gaming device of Claim 12, which includes a bonus award provided to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of at least one of said reel displays selected by the player.

10 14. The gaming device of Claim 12, which includes a bonus award provided to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of all of said reel displays selected by the player.

15 15. The gaming device of Claim 12, which includes a bonus award provided to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of all of said reel displays selected by the player.

20 16. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the display device is operable to individually display the award associated with each of the winning combination of symbols which occur on the paylines.

25 17. The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the display device displays said awards in association with the respective paylines on which said winning combination of the symbols occur.

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18. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- 5 (a) separately and simultaneously displaying a plurality of reel displays of a same set of reels, said reels including a plurality of symbols and a plurality of different paylines associated with said reels, said reel displays each displaying a different one of said paylines associated with the set of reels;
- 10 (b) activating the set of reels to generate a plurality of symbols;
- (c) displaying the plurality of same symbols generated by the set of reels on each of the reel displays,
- (d) displaying the combination of symbols occurring on the payline on each of the reel displays; and
- 15 (e) providing an award to a player based on each winning combination of symbols occurring on said paylines.

19. The method of Claim 18, wherein providing the award including providing the sum of all of the awards associated with any winning combination of symbols occurring on the paylines.

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20. The method of Claim 18, which includes displaying the reel displays on more than one display devices.

25 21. The method of Claim 18, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

30 22. The method of Claim 18, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when a designated number of winning combinations of the symbols occur on the paylines.

23. The method of Claim 22, which includes pre-determining the designated number of winning combinations.

24. The method of Claim 22, which includes randomly determining the designated number of winning combinations.
25. The method of Claim 18, which includes providing a bonus
5 award to the player when a designated percentage of the paylines indicate winning combinations of the symbols.
26. The method of Claim 25, which includes pre-determining the designated percentage.
- 10 27. The method of Claim 25, which includes randomly determining the designated percentage.
- 15 28. The method of Claim 18, which includes providing a selector controlled by a processor, wherein said selector enables the player to select at least one of the reel displays.
- 20 29. The method of Claim 28, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of at least one of said reel displays selected by the player.
- 25 30. The method of Claim 28, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of all of said reel displays selected by the player.
- 30 31. The method of Claim 18, which includes individually displaying the award associated with each of the winning combination of symbols which occur on the paylines.
32. The method of Claim 31, which includes displaying said awards in association with the respective paylines on which said winning combination of the symbols occur.

33. The method of Claim 18, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

34. The method of Claim 33, wherein the data network is an internet.

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35. The method of Claim 18, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (e) are stored in a memory device.

36. A gaming device comprising:
10 a cabinet;
at least one display device mounted to the cabinet;
a plurality of reels forming a set of reels;
a plurality of symbols on said reels;
a plurality of different winning combinations of the symbols;
15 a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels; and
a processor operable with the display device to display the set of reels separately and simultaneously a plurality of times, and display each different payline in association with one of the separate displays of the set of reels to enable a player to view and easily determine each
20 of the winning symbol combinations that occur on the paylines wagered upon by the player.